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SUBJ: IAEA BUDGET FOR 1975 - INSTRUCTIONS FOR APRIL 8

A AND B COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: (A) IAEA 2762; (B) IAEA 2904; (C) IAEA 2887;  
(D) IAEA 2995

1. 1975 BUDGET: MISSION AUTHORIZED APPROVE 1975 BUDGET  
SET FORTH GOV/1656 AND PROPOSAL FOR EXPANDED PROGRAM IN  
NUCLEAR POWER AND REACTORS AND NUCLEAR SAFETY AND ENVIRON-  
MENTAL PROTECTION (GOV/COM.9/96).

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2. 1975 BUDGET LEVEL: OUR APPROVAL OF 1975 DRAFT BUDGET

ESTIMATES CONSTITUTES US ENDORSEMENT AND STRONG SUPPORT FOR IAEA PROGRAMS, WHICH WE RECOGNIZE AS BEING OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO THE US AND OF PARTICULAR TIMELINESS IN TERMS OF WORLD ENERGY SITUATION. AT SAME TIME WE SHALL BE LOOKING TO THE AGENCY TO CONTINUE AND TO REINFORCE ITS OWN EFFORTS TO ACHIEVE ECONOMY AND GREATER EFFICIENCY IN PROGRAM OPERATIONS. MEASURES DESCRIBED IN PARAS 6 AND 7 OF PROGRAM AND BUDGET DOCUMENT FOR REDUCING CATEGORIES OF AGENCY MEETINGS, AMALGAMATION OF CERTAIN SUB-PROGRAMS AND REDUCTION OF PROGRAM COMPONENTS ARE STEPS IN RIGHT DIRECTION. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE AGENCY CONTINUE TO REVIEW PRIORITIES FOR MAJOR PROGRAM AREAS IN ORDER TO DETERMINE POSSIBLE SHIFTS IN MANPOWER TO HIGHER PRIORITY PROGRAMS AND WORK WHICH COULD BE DEFERRED OR FOREGONE IN ACTIVITIES CARRYING A LOWER PRIORITY.

3. AGENCY'S ACCOUNTS FOR 1973: ACCEPT PER PARA 3, REF (D).

4. GENERAL COMMENTS ON PROGRAM FOR 1975-80 AND BUDGET FOR 1975:

(A) FORM AND PRESENTATION OF BUDGET: MISSION AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT POSITIONS OUTLINED PARAS 2-6 OF REF (A) AND PARAS 4-5 OF REF (D). WE AGREE THAT AGENCY HAS CONTINUED TO IMPROVE PRESENTATION OF DRAFT BUDGET AND PROGRAM. SUMMARIES OF MANPOWER AND COSTS FOR SUB-PROGRAMS AND COMPONENTS ARE PARTICULARLY HELPFUL. AS MISSION HAS POINTED OUT, HOWEVER, PROGRAM NARRATIVE SOMETIMES HAS TENDENCY TO TREAT IN RATHER CAVALIER FASHION EXPLANATIONS AND JUSTIFICATIONS FOR PROGRAM INCREASES AND MANNING TABLE CHANGES.

(B) ATTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT COSTS: AGENCY HAS MADE A GOOD BEGINNING, AND SHOULD BE ENCOURAGED TO FOLLOW THROUGH, PARTICULARLY ON ATTRIBUTION OF EDP SERVICES. CURRENT PRACTICE OF RETAINING MOST COMPUTER SERVICE COSTS WITHIN "INFORMATION AND TECHNICAL SERVICES" PROGRAM CONVEYS INACCURATE IMPRESSION OF INCREASE IN THIS PROGRAM AREA. SIMILARLY, RELATIVELY FULL ATTRIBUTION OF SUPPORT COSTS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TO SAFEGUARDS BUT NOT TO OTHER PROGRAMS IS QUESTIONABLE PROCEDURE.

(C) RELATIONS WITH UNEP: SUPPORT GENEVA GROUP REQUEST FOR DETAILED LISTING OF REQUESTS FOR UNEP SUPPORT AND STATUS OF RESULTS TO DATE.

(D) MISSION AUTHORIZED CONCUR IN WAIVER OF FINANCIAL

REGULATIONS REQUIRED TO EFFECT DG'S PROPOSAL TO RETURN UNUTILIZED BALANCE OF 1974 CONTINGENT FINANCING APPROPRIATION AS CREDIT AGAINST 1975 ASSESSMENTS.

(E) MOVE TO DONAUPARK: WE SHALL BE INTERESTED IN RECEIVING AGENCY PRELIMINARY ESTIMATES FOR ADDITIONAL COSTS IN CONNECTION WITH MOVE TO INTERNATIONAL CENTER AT DONAUPARK AND IMPACT ON BUDGET FOR 1976.

5. TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN 1975: MISSION AUTHORIZED TO STATE US AGREEMENT TO INCREASE IN 1975 TARGET FOR VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS BY DOLS 1 MILLION TO A TOTAL TARGET OF DOLS 4 MILLION AND TO SET FORTH US POSITION AS RECOMMENDED IN REF (B). WE BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT IF THE IAEA IS TO CONTINUE THE PRESENT SYSTEM OF ELICITING

VOLUNTARY CASH CONTRIBUTIONS ON THE BASIS OF APPLYING BASE RATE OF DONORS' ASSESSMENTS TO THE TARGET, THEN THE DONORS MUST RESERVE PREPONDERANT ROLE IN DETERMINING WHICH TARGET LEVEL IS ACCEPTABLE IN TERMS OF THEIR OWN NATIONAL RESOURCES AND PRIORITIES. IF A AND B COME UNABLE REACH AGREEMENT ON ACCEPTABLE TARGET LEVEL, WE WOULD CONSIDER THIS UNFORTUNATE, BUT WOULD PREFER DEFERRING QUESTION TO JUNE BOARD RATHER THAN ACCEPTING HIGHER TARGET WHICH, IN ALL LIKELIHOOD, WOULD REMAIN UNDER-SUBSCRIBED. ALSO, AS MISSION HAS POINTED OUT, DECISION ON TARGET SHOULD BE VIEWED IN CONTEXT OF AGENCY'S NEWLY EXPANDING PROGRAMS FOR INTRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER, PROGRAMS WHICH WILL REDOUND LARGELY TO BENEFIT OF LDC'S.

6. FINANCING OF BUDGET: (REF (C)). INSTRUCTIONS BEING SENT SEPTEL.

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